

Comments for USDA/ERS Extranet report of the SNE FSNE Workshop July 30-31, 2003

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#### Wrap Up –Where Next?

The Society for Nutrition Education (SNE), with the strong support of its Social Marketing Division, is proud to have had the opportunity to host the SNE FSNE Workshop, *Advancing the Practice of Food Stamp Nutrition Education Evaluation*. SNE has had a long history of leadership in efforts to support and improve nutrition education programs. We welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with the Economic Research Service and other agencies to plan this workshop because of the pressing need for documentation of the accomplishments of programs such as Food Stamp Education and other programs addressing high-priority needs in nutrition education. The goals for the workshop were very ambitious. To meet these challenging goals, we brought together people with a variety of perspectives to discuss current strategies for evaluating effectiveness of Food Stamp Nutrition Education. As the professional society representing nutrition education, SNE was well positioned to bring representation from the academic community, governmental agencies, and other successful program managers together for these discussions. The insights provided in the presentations and discussions provide a basis for advancing program development and administrative guidance, which will be provided by key government agencies. We hope that the spirit of inclusiveness, which was evident in the workshop, will continue into the future. SNE stands ready to support future efforts that continue the progress that was achieved here this week.